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Chicago, June 1.—Senator Douglas is a little better to night. His friends are somewhat encouraged.

Chicago, June 2.—Physicians think slight improvement in condition of Senator Douglas to-night. He is still unconscious the greater part of the time.

The Ladies' Fair and Festival at St. Clair's Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings last was very successful. The nett receipts amount to about \$175 00.

STRONG TALK.—Gen. Webb, of the New York Courier and Enquirer, says:

"In the garrison in Fort Pickens we have a son, whose death we would much rather record as having perished beneath the ruins of the Fort, than be compelled to announce that it had been surrendered to the rebels without the loss of a man."

A South Carolina lady, recently arrived in New York, who has heretofore held to the South, writes to her husband at Washington, as follows:

"I say our Government now, for, since they shot Killworth, I want to fight too; and if I were one of the Zouaves, I do believe I would kill every secessionist I met with, but what I would revenge his death. I am no Southern rebel now. The Union forever, say I."

LEASE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS.—The Public works of Ohio were last week leased for ten years to Thos. Dugan & Co., at a rental of \$20,075 per annum. Who the members of this firm are, is not stated. The rent, we believe, is to be paid to the State semi-annually in advance.

Last Night's Despatches.

Cairo, June 2.—There is nothing authentic in relation to rebel movements down the river from this point. But it is certain that forces at this point are to be considerably increased.—Two additional regiments ordered here in addition to the regiment organized here. Another company of Illinois artillery now at Springfield, are under marching orders and will move in a dry or two.

Government has chartered big wharf steamer that lies here; it is capable of carrying several thousand troops and stores.

It is understood also that Government has chartered twenty-five river steamers at St. Louis.

Baltimore, June 1.—A detachment of soldiers visited the Police Marshal to enquire about arms delivered by him to the State agent. Result of the interview satisfactory. Soldiers then returned to camp.

Alexandria, June 1.—Strong breastworks will soon be finished here.

Reporters have magnified unimportant skirmishes into battles.

There is but one telegraph instrument here, and it is mostly employed by Government.

Chambersburg, June 1.—Slight skirmish to-day between a company of Home Guards and Virginians; three Virginians wounded.

Terrible fracas occurred to-day in negro quarter. Frank Jones, negro barber shot and wounded two soldiers and fled, but he was instantly killed by the soldiers.

Gen. Patterson expected to-morrow. Additional regiments expected Monday.

Hagerstown, June 1.—A party of secessionists this a. m. attempted to take ferry boat opposite Williamsport, probably to cross to Maryland on a foraging expedition. Unionists ordered secessionists to desist, not complying were fired on. Brisk fire on both sides for about an hour. Several rebels wounded; Unionists unhurt. The rebels retreated.

Fort Monroe, June 1.—No military movements yet. Heavy cannon are being transported to Rip Rap. It is said 4,000 secessionists are at Yorktown. There are none between there and Fortress Monroe. A stand will evidently be made at Yorktown. Slaves from several counties have been sent to work on the entrenchments. Magruder commands.

A gentleman from between Newport News and Yorktown arrived here for protection, says numerous families fled, leaving the slaves behind that were unfit for work. 300 free negroes were forced across James river to work on the rebel entrenchments.

Distinguished secessionists confessed the Unionists were right, and secessionists all deluded.

Washington, June 2.—The following facts have been received of the conflict at Aquia Creek:

The engagement began on Friday and lasted two hours. On Saturday it was renewed for four hours. The lower bench battery damaged on Friday was repaired. The force of the rebels supposed to be 2,000. On Saturday the Freeborn approached within two miles and commenced fire. The Pawnee took a nearer position for the first hour. The firing was brisk from the shore batteries.

During the engagement the Pawnee fired 160 shells. The observer saw through the telescope numerous bodies carried away in wagons. The officers say the rebels had rifled cannon.

Both vessels damaged but slightly; one shot went through Freeborn's cabin. Pawnee received eight shots. Anacosta returned here this a. m. Pawnee and Freeborn hauled off being unprepared for longer engagement. Railroad depot and buildings ashore destroyed. Rebels believed had eight guns.

Baltimore, June 2.—Rebels seized western mails coming east this a. m. at Harper's Ferry.

New York, June 2.—Herald says W. F. Washington, son of late Col. Washington, was captured in the Fairfax affair.

Reported battery at Matthias' Point, proves to be a wood pile.

Lieut. Tompkins' official account of the Fairfax affair does not differ materially from the first report. Says three of his men are missing, three slightly wounded, and six horses lost. Thinks killed and wounded of the rebels, thirty-five. He brought away five prisoners.

Tribune's Washington despatch says Ethridge had arrived from Tennessee. Says East Tennessee shows a large majority for the Union. Civil war unavoidable if West part of the State goes for secession. Soldiers distributed through the State overawe voters. Disunionists well armed; Unionists unarmed.

M. D. Field gone to Cairo.

Authorized contract of five floating boats, capacity 500 men, intended to separate Memphis and below.

Reported Col. Sherman of Ohio, will be appointed Quartermaster General.

Five more additional regiments tendered from Pennsylvania.

Saturday Night's Report.

New York, June 1.—Brig mystic arrived from Indianola this a. m., with 245 Texas troops and 36 women and children.

(Special to the Post.)

The Government forces had a conflict with the rebels at Aquia Creek. The steamers Freeborn, Anacosta, Resolute and a schooner opened fire, finally silencing the wharf Battery and killing several rebels. None of our troops injured. The Pawnee and Yankee sent to their assistance this morning.

The despatches also state that there was a skirmish last night at Falls church 6 miles back of Arlington Heights. Our pickets were attacked by rebels and several of our soldiers wounded.

LATER.—Despatch states a force of Cavalry and 45 Infantry, under Lieut. Tompkins and Gordon, attacked the rebels at Fairfax Court House. The rebel pickets were met four miles this side, who fled and alarmed the camp. The Cavalry then charged on the town, encountering vigorous resistance, people firing on them from the houses.

Tompkins' horse was shot under him, and his cavalry surrounded by rebel infantry who poured in a continued fire, but they fought their way through them taking a number of prisoners. One of the cavalry killed and two wounded. Some of the staff officers of the New York 5th Regiment were wounded—being with federal troops.

Lieut. Tompkins reports 30 rebels killed and that their force amounted to 1500. They had previously supposed there were but 200. To-night our troops will advance on Fairfax Court House and take it.

Another despatch says the rebels are fast retreating from Fairfax.

A letter from East Tennessee says there is a great majority there for the Union, and about 10,000 Government troops could be raised there, owing to the noble stand taken by Johnson and Nelson.

The Commercial's despatch says it is believed that the engagement at Aquia Creek has been severe. If the batteries have not been destroyed, a large force will go immediately and take the place.

At two o'clock a despatch says two batteries at Aquia Creek were destroyed.

A large body of troops advanced on Fairfax this morning.

Washington, June 1st.—An official despatch from Gen. McDowell to the War Department, says loss of Union troops at Fairfax Court House, four; and Confederates twenty-seven.

Harrisburg, June 1st.—A scout returned after two day's stay at Harper's Ferry. Reports quantities of provisions were taken there from the Maryland side.

Army officers believe that unless the Harper's Ferry forces retreat they will be surrounded within a week.

The number of troops on the heights overlooking Harper's Ferry is less than one thousand, having a battery of 4 guns. Troops there speak depressingly of the state of affairs, but will fight hard.

No troops have as yet been sent from Chambersburg southwards.

Washington, June 1st.—The account of the skirmish between the company of Cavalry under Lieut. Tompkins and the rebels at Fairfax, is confirmed. Two men are missing and three wounded. Several horses were wounded.—Five prisoners were taken and brought into camp. Lieut. Tompkins had two horses shot under him.

Alexandria, Va., June 1.—The steamer Gipsy from Farmington via Fort Washington at 10 o'clock this a. m., brings the following information which had been received at the latter place: The engagement at Aquia Creek resulted in the retirement of the Freeborn and Anacosta after a severe fight, in which a number were killed on both sides.

The two steamers retired to await the Pawnee. She stopped at Fort Washington to await the arrival of the transport Baltimore with troops, supposed to be the New York 71st regiment.

The Pawnee and the Baltimore proceeded in company.

Philadelphia, June 1.—The Bulletin published from the Richmond Enquirer of Thursday, gives the details of the journey of President Davis to Richmond, and his speech to the troops collected at the fair grounds. Messrs. Toombs and Wigfall accompanied him.

Alexandria, June 1.—Shortly before 1 o'clock last night a skirmish took place at Willington mills between a company of Zouaves, a company of a Michigan regiment and a scouting party of Virginians. The rebels were driven away. One Zouave was killed and another wounded.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 1.—The remaining two regiments, 8th and 10th, of Federal troops have removed their quarters from Camp Morton to a point on the National road, four miles east of this city.

The Legislature will adjourn to-night, the time limited by the Constitution for extra session having expired. A large amount of important business has been transacted at this session. A bill raising a military fund of \$1,000,000 has passed; also, one appropriating \$25,000 to the Governor's contingent fund.

Alexandria, June 1.—A gentleman arrived here who was at Fairfax last night, says that Capt. John Marr was the only rebel killed, and that the accounts of the killed in the Washington papers were exaggerated; that when the Cavalry retired the rebels pursued them and took two prisoners. Extra Billy Smith figured in the fight. A Colonel commanding was wounded.

The rebels supposing this to be the advance guard of the Federal army, sent messengers to Centreville for 200 South Carolina troops.

Rain has commenced falling.

7 o'clock, p. m.—No anticipation of attack here. The campaign for the present is confined to guerrilla warfare.

H. W. Buckland and Eli Simkins arrived from Camp Dennison Saturday evening.